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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MNUC, MPOL, SW

SUBJECT: SWEDISH GOVERNMENT POSITION ON PORT CALLS BY WARSHIPS  
WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD

1. SUMMARY. WITHOUT HIS POSITION HAVING BEEN NOTED IN THE  
PRESS, OTHER THAN THE COMMUNIS NY DAG OF NOV. 20-21,  
DEFENSE MINISTER HOLMQVIST HAS TOLD PARLIAMENT THAT THE SWEDISH  
GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE RISKS POSED BY PERMITTING WARSHIPS WITH  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD TO VISIT SWEDISH PORTS NOT TO BE SUCH  
AS TO JUSTIFY BANNING SUCH VESSELS. WHERE NUCLEAR WEAPONS MIGHT  
BE ABOARD, IN THE FORM OF WARHEADS "WITH SMALL QUANTITIES OF  
URANIUM OR PLUTONIUM," THE WARHEADS ARE NOT ARMED AND AN  
EXPLOSION COULD NOT BE TRIGGERED BY FIRE, COLLISION OR OTHER  
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ACCIDENT, HOLMQVIST ADVISED AN INQUIRING DEPUTY ON NOVEMBER  
14. END SUMMARY.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS NOTICED THAT THE RECENTLY-RECEIVED RECORD OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS FOR NOVEMBER 14 INCLUDES AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN COMMUNIST PARTY DEPUTY FROM VASTERAS, RUNE PETTERSSON, PROMPTED BY PETTERSSON HAVING ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHETHER HE PLANNED TO BAN SHIPS CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM VISITING SWEDISH PORTS. ANSWERING FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER, DEFENSE MINISTER HOLMQVIST SAID, IN SUBSTANCE:

--SHIP VISITS IN THE TRADITIONAL FRAMEWORK OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN FRIENDLY NATIONS ARE APPROVED POLITICALLY, TAKING ACCOUNT OF ADVICE FROM MILITARY AUTHORITIES;  
--BY NAVAL VISIT PRACTICE, THE VISITING NATION DOES NOT NEED TO DECLARE WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS ARE CARRIED;  
--NEVERTHELESS ON THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONALLY AVAILABLE PUBLISHED INFORMATION, THE SWEDISH DEFENSE MINISTRY ADJUDICATES THE WEAPONS SITUATION AND THE SECURITY ASPECTS, AND THUS FAR HAS HAD NO OCCASION TO FIND THAT A VISIT SHOULD BE BANNED ON SECURITY GROUNDS.

3. DEPUTY PETTERSSON HAD CITED THE RECENT OCTOBER 12-14 VISIT TO GOTHENBURG OF US WARSHIPS KING AND MCCANDLESS OF THE DDG/DE CLASS, REPORTS IN THE PRESS THAT THE VESSELS WERE EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND THE "IMPOSSIBILITY OF GETTING A STRAIGHT ANSWER" FROM OFFICERS ON BOARD OR FROM RESPONSIBLE SWEDISH AUTHORITY. COMMENT: THE ANSWER INVARIABLY IS THAT IT IS NOT USG POLICY TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

4. FULL TEXT OF HOLMQVIST STATEMENT FOLLOWS.  
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